



TWENTY-SEVENTH

Commencement

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE

MAY 20, 1995

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Saturday, May 20, 1995

Music	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
Invocation	Reverend William J. Christman, B.A., B.D. <i>First Presbyterian Church, Joplin</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Julio S. Leon <i>President</i> <i>Missouri Southern State College</i>
Address	Ron Mitchell <i>Legal Representative</i> <i>MSSC Board of Regents</i>
Presentation of Class	Erik J. Bitterbaum <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Julio S. Leon
Presentation of Diplomas	Erik J. Bitterbaum
Remarks	Blake Wolf <i>President, Faculty Senate</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	Erik J. Bitterbaum
Outstanding Teaching Awards	Julio S. Leon
Benediction	Reverend William J. Christman, B.A., B.D.
Recessional	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble

(Please remain seated until recessional is completed.)

About the speaker

Ron Mitchell has had a long and close relationship with Missouri Southern State College. A 1971 graduate, Mr. Mitchell most recently was named the Board of Regents' legal representative.

Partner in the Joplin law firm of Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, Mr. Mitchell also is serving a term as president of the Missouri Bar. He earned his law degree from the University of Missouri Law School at Columbia and was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1974.

A past president of the MSSC Alumni Association, Mr. Mitchell has maintained his close ties with Southern throughout his professional career. His wife, Becky, manages an advertising agency, Ozark Adworks in Joplin, and he has four children.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Almandinger, Travis J.*†
Bauer, Barbara A.†
Burr, Britt T.*†
Dees, Carolyn S.
Elbert, Jennifer D.†
Ellis Jr, Larry L.

Fields, D. Kirby†
Gandy, Lara L.
Garrison, Catherine E.*
George, Edward L.
Hall, Janessa†
Hawke, L. Jill*†

Kuncl, Jennifer L.†
Lawrence, Brenda M.
Letsinger, Joan A.*
Lunow, Linda G.
McBride, Donald M.
McFarland, Sandra L.

Moss, Shelly E.†
Sandrin, Todd R.*†
Sweet, T. Star
Weakley, Daniel K.*
Whipkey, Steve J.
White, Stephanie M.†

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 to 3.89

Allen, Julie C.
Beaver, Amy B.
Beshore, Kerri A.
Chaffee, Donna J.
Chenoweth, George A.†
Coker, Holly R.
Dentner, Holly J.

Doran, Brian J.
Fifer, Tanya K.
Frakes, Julie B.
Frizzell, Teresa D.
Greek, Douglas W.
Gripka, Rachel M.†
Higdon, Gregory L.

Johnson, Amy L.
Jones, Jennifer L.
King, Holly E.
Passmore, Rhea L.
Patillo, Dawn F.
Pinkston, James A.
Randolph, Regina R.†

Rhoades, Debbie L.
Risby, Tamara D.†
Tedford, Chris T.
Tuggle, Christopher S.
Vanderlip, Lori L.
Wilkins, Connie J.
Wilson, Kenneth W.

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 to 3.79

Baird, Connie S.
Bard, Travis W.†
Benedict (Arnold), Connie J.
Brewer, Timothy
Bridges, Cynthia A.
Burns, Sandra S.†
Chasten, Karri L.†

Claxton, Rebecca A.
Collier, Ryan G.†
Derfelt, JoAnna L.†
Garrison, Carie L.
Gasser, Jerry M.
Graves, Cynthia

Harris, Mitzi L.
Hill, Jennifer L.
Hodson, Matthew B.
Howell, Cynthia D.
Johnson, Jennifer J.
Lukenbill, Mary I.

Lyerla, Lauri
Miller, Matthew D.†
Parrigon, Steven B.†
Parsons, Tomie K.
Stephens, Renee C.
Turner, Tosha L.†
Wofford, Thomas E.†

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Braudaway, Joyce L.*

Phillips, Nancy F.*

Trewin, M. Cean *

Second Honors

Grade point average 3.80 to 3.89

Allen, Becky S.

Bowman, Teresa G.

Williams, Mike A.

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 to 3.79

Carr, Carol L.
Musche, James L.

Davidson, David R.
Swann, Lynita K.

* 4.00 Average

† Honors Program

Nine-thirty Ceremony

School of Arts and Sciences • School of Technology • Associate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts

Alan J. Albright*
Political Science
Joplin

Jennifer Rae Anderson
Spanish
Seneca

Connie Jo Arnold*
Art
Miami OK

Sherry Anne Atkins
Psychology
Nevada

Sherri Dawn Bakie
Psychology
Kirbyville

Troy Randall Barbour*
Communications
Joplin

Norman E. Barr
Political Science
Joplin

Mark Aaron Baumgartner
Communications
Jefferson City

Bonnie E. Beals
English
Neosho

Shannon P. Beckham*
Communications
Joplin

Daniel Leroy Bell
Political Science
Neosho

James E. Black*
Theatre
Webb City

Cindy Ann Bricker**
Art
Lee's Summit

Teresa Ray Buerge
Communications
Carthage

David F. Bybee**
History
Archbold OH

Byler, Christopher Scott
Psychology
Carl Junction

Rebecca Ann Claxton
English
Joplin

Kelly Jeanne Daigle
Chemistry
Joplin

Kenneth Wayne DeLaughter
Communications
Prescott KS

Sara Elizabeth Dent
Psychology
Clever

Holly Jolayne Dentner
English
Joplin

JoAnna Lynn Derfelt†
Political Science
Baxter Springs KS

Linda Denise Dukart
Communications
Joplin

Christina Marie Eck*
English
Sarcoie

Nikki Rochelle Ehram
Communications
Jasper

Christopher David Ellsworth*
Communications
Joplin

Margaret Quinn Fethers
English
Joplin

David Kirby Fields†
English
Joplin

Jesse E. Fields*
English
Harrisonville

Sonya Renee Fischer
Sociology
Hartsburg

Dale Allen Foley**
History
Joplin

Harold Dwayne Friend
Chemistry
Houston

Scott G. Gladden
Art
Webb City

Chad Wayne Goswick*
Communications
Webb City

Peggy Ann Graham
English
Carthage

William Allen Grubbs
Communications
Joplin

John T. Hacker
Communications
Harrisonville

Janessa Dorene Hall†
Psychology
Bradleyville

Heather Michelle Hare**
Psychology
Joplin

Chad Mitchell Hayworth
Communications
Wichita KS

Terri Lee Heeter
Communications
Joplin

Leticia M. J. Heigle
Art
Joplin

Lisa Ann Holman
History
Joplin

Colene Ann Homa
History
Carthage

Angela Christine Johnson
Art
Neosho

Charles S. Johnson
Art
Joplin

Gretchen Ann Johnson
Political Science
Carl Junction

Bryan David Kearney
Art
Duenweg

Darrell Dennis King
Psychology / English
Carl Junction

Kelly Kathleen Kirk
English
Seneca

Michele Lynn Lawrence
Art
Joplin

Melissa Kay Loomis
Political Science
Carthage

Betty Jean Lozano
English
Webb City

Linda Gayle Lunow
Music
Joplin

Brian W. Marlow
Communications
Broken Arrow OK

Kassi Lynn Marlow**
Communications
Joplin

Donna Gail Mayberry-Reynolds
Communications
Joplin

Robert Paul McLemore*
Communications
Webb City

Lyle Patrick McThompson*
History
Liberal

William Perry Miller*
Spanish
Joplin

John Tracy Minks
Political Science
Potosi

Shelly Lynn Moore†
History
Fair Grove

Lori Jo Morris**
Theatre
Lexington

Marci Lynn Morris**
Communications
Joplin

Shelly Elizabeth Moss†
Communications
Webb City

Christopher Matthew O'Connell
History
Joplin

Kristin Leigh Onstott
Art
Lamar

Laura Adelaide Ortego
Chemistry
Webb City

Rhea Lynn Passmore
English
Webb City

Matthew James Pressley
Art
Albuquerque NM

Angela Sue Quinalty
English
Cassville

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Psychology
Monett

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Florissant

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English
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Art
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Art
Exeter

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Pacific

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Goodman

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Josie Alsina Sheldon
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Webb City

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Uniontown KS

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Carthage

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Computer Information Science
Galena KS

Ronald Wade Smith
Psychology
Webb City

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Jasper

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Nevada

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Management Technology
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Stella

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Parsons KS

Steva Kaye Stand
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Quapaw OK

Matthew Lee Stoller
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Marie Elizabeth Strohl**
Biology
Neosho

Bethany Quinne Summers
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Mathematics
Joplin

Leah Ann Tennis
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

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Sociology
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Lincoln

Charles Andrew VanOstran
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Joplin

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Computer Information Science
Joplin

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Neosho

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Joplin

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Tulsa OK

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Miami OK

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Purdy

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Biology
Carthage

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Biology
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General Studies
Webb City

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Angela Dean
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Cassidi Jo Greene
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Clever

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Law Enforcement
Reeds

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Joplin

Sherri Dawn Bakie
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Manufacturing Technology
Joplin

Gary Brian Banta*
Computer Aided
Drafting and Design
Joplin

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Law Enforcement
Ava

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Nursing
Neosho

Rosemary Patricia Bashor
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Neosho

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Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated various ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.